

BERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Berlin Public Library maintains an organized collection of books and related materials for both educational and recreational use by the community. Computers with internet access, WiFi, local newspapers on microfilm, audio books, and a movie collection, are all available to the community. We provide access to downloadable audio books through the New Hampshire State Library and Overdrive. Each department has a computer dedicated for patrons to access the library catalog. This can also be accessed remotely at: <http://berlinlibrary.dyndns.org:81/opac/bpl/> Patrons, with a library card in good standing, have access to interlibrary materials from participating NH libraries. Fax and copier services are available. The library offers a Children's Summer Reading Program and a weekly Story Hour. Grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council enable the Berlin Public Library working together with the White Mountains Community College, Fortier Library and the Gorham Public Library to offer the Humanities Series at the WMCC Fortier Library.

The Children's 2014 Summer Reading Program theme was "Fizz, Boom, Read". Funding for the Kids, Books and Arts is provided by the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation in memory of Rebecca Lee Spitz, a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds administered by the NH State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The June 17, 2014 kick-off program was Magic by Scott Jameson, held at the Berlin Recreation Building, attracted 71 children, 84 adults. The Summer Reading Program consisted of 13 programs, with 270 children and 197 adults in attendance. The 6 week program themes included fun with science, extreme

weather, visit with Rangers, an outdoor adventure, and a Clif Books closing party at Community Field. As in past years, trustees, Ms. Yvonne Thomas and Mr. Paul Tardiff, helped Kathy Godin with her programs. Also helping with the success of the Summer Reading Program was a donation of tickets from Storyland. The library thanks Storyland for their continued generosity.

The Children's Librarian Kathy Godin, conducted a total of 29 weekly Story Hours for young children from September to June, serving 168 children and 142 adults. In addition, there were 6 School Visits, 9 Kiwanis Kids visits, a Halloween program, Cub Scouts, as well as a place for safe visits. The total attendance of all Kathy's programs was 1699 children and 780 adults for a grand total of 2479 patrons.

Grants from the New Hampshire Humanities Council made it possible for the Berlin Public Library in conjunction with the White Mountains Community College, Fortier Library and the Gorham Public Library to hold a lecture entitled, "New Hampshire on Skis" presented by E. John B. Allen at the Fortier Library in March 2015. In the fall 2014, "New Hampshire and the Revolutionary War" theme was presented. The 4 program series included "Trading Partners or Enemies?", "Bunker Hill" a book discussion, a living history portrayal "If I am Not for Myself, Who Will Be for Me" and New Hampshire Voices from the Revolution.

In July 2014, the library began to issue barcoded library cards. While barcoding all library items is not completed, we began using the Atrium system to check out items from the library. In April, through much work on the part of City Planner, Pamela Laflamme who last year procured a \$4,000 grant for public computers, new patron computers were installed, 5 in the Adult

Dept. and 3 in the Children's Dept. Pamela's work continued with the IT project, and the library was connected to the City Hall server, some equipment was upgraded as well as a new printer and fax machine. Service to the public has been greatly improved with all the computer changes.

We are grateful to the Public Works Dept. for helping the library with maintenance during the year, including help with bathroom and water pump repair, light fixture replacement to name a few. The library purchased a rug cleaner. The janitor will use the rug cleaner in different areas of the library on a rotation basis in order to keep the rugs in good clean condition.

There were no changes in the library staff or Library Trustees during this year.

The Staff at the Berlin Public Library appreciate and thank the community for their continued support and invite all to come in and make use of the valuable resources available at the library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Jensen
Library Director

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JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015			
TOPICS	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
000 - Generalities	35	53	88
100 - Philosophy	158	19	177
200 - Religion	67	16	83
300 - Social Science	257	137	394
400 - Language	19	20	39
500 - Pure Science	103	634	737
600 - Technology	335	222	557
700 - The Arts	140	358	498
800 - Literature	119	75	194
900 - Geography & History	273	131	404
910 - Travel	0	14	14
BIO - Biography	274	97	371
FIC - Fiction	7,631	6,261	13,892
MAG - Periodical	110	88	198
DVD - Movies	2,934	0	2,934
VHS - Movies	174	0	174
AC - Audio Books	3,661	10	3,671
CD - Compact Disk Music	9	1	10
TOTALS	16,299	8,136	24,435
PKB - Paperbacks	13	0	13
Walk in Patrons	14228	12959	27,187
Phone Inquiries	1559	187	1,746
Computer Users	4369	280	4,649
Copier Patrons	3049	0	3,049
Fax Patrons	398	0	398
Microfilm Patrons	145	0	249
Interlibrary Loaned	812	0	812
Interlibrary Borrowed	235	0	235